

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A baby holding device, comprising:

2 a support structure comprising a base that is adapted to be placed onto a

3 support surface and a frame angularly positioned relative to the base; and

4 a seat coupled to the frame that is adapted to hold a baby;

5 wherein the seat includes a generally curved outer padded section having a

6 medial region that is adapted to receive the baby's head and a pair of arms extending from the

7 medial region, and wherein the padded section defines an inner well section that is adapted to

8 receive the baby's torso.

1 2. A device as in claim 1, wherein the arms each include a rounded end,

2 and wherein the ends generally face each other and are adapted to assist in cushioning the

3 weight of the baby.

1 3. A device as in claim 1, further comprising a securing system that is

2 configured to hold the baby within the seat.

1 4. A device as in claim 3, wherein the securing system comprises a center

2 holding strap that is coupled to the seat and is configured to be placed between the baby's

3 legs and at least one securing strap extending from the holding strap that is configured to

4 wrap about the baby's torso and be connected to a seat strap that is coupled to the seat.

1 5. A device as in claim 4, wherein the center holding strap is coupled to

2 the seat at a location to permit the baby's feet to hang from seat.

1 6. A device as in claim 1, wherein the frame comprises a pair of inclined

2 sections and at least one curved section.

1 7. A device as in claim 6, wherein the curved section generally follows an

2 outer periphery of the padded section to define a generally open interior of the frame.

1 8. A device as in claim 6, wherein the inclined sections each include a

2 curved portion that connects to the base.

1 9. A device as in claim 1, wherein the medial region has a height in the
2 range from about 1 inch to about 6 inches and a width in the range from about 8 inches to
3 about 16 inches.

1 10. A device as in claim 1, wherein the arms have a height in the range
2 from about 1 inch to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 6 inches to about 12
3 inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches.

1 11. A device as in claim 1, wherein the inner well section has a width in
2 the range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 6
3 inches to about 14 inches.

1 12. A device as in claim 1, wherein the seat comprises a fabric.

1 13. A device as in claim 1, wherein the padded section comprises a fill
2 material.

1 14. A device as in claim 1, wherein the frame is positioned at an angle in
2 the range from about 20° to about 40° relative to the base.

1 15. A method for holding a baby, the method comprising:
2 providing a baby seat comprising a support structure comprising a base that
3 rests upon a support surface and a frame angularly positioned relative to the base, and a seat
4 coupled to the frame, wherein the seat has a generally curved outer padded section that
5 includes a medial region and two arms that define a well section; and

6 placing a baby onto the seat, with the baby's torso resting in the well section
7 and being cushioned by ends of the arms, and with the baby's head resting on the medial
8 region.

1 16. A method as in claim 15, further comprising applying a downward
2 force on the frame to cause the seat to move in an up and down motion.

1 17. A method as in claim 15, further comprising strapping the baby to the
2 seat.

1 18. A method as in claim 15, wherein the baby is positioned in the seat
2 such that the baby's legs hang down past the seat.

1 19. A method as in claim 15, further comprising generally preventing the
2 baby from rolling side to side using the arms.

1 20. A baby holding device comprising:
2 a pillow having a medial region and two opposing arms extending from the
3 medial region that define an inner well region;
4 a securing system operably coupled to the pillow, wherein the securing system
5 comprises a center holding strap that is configured to be placed between the baby's legs so as
6 to extend over at least a portion of the baby's torso and be operably coupled to the opposing
7 arms to hold the baby within the well region.

1 21. A device as in claim 20, wherein the securing system further comprises
2 a side strap extending from each arm, wherein the side straps include connectors that are
3 connectable to mating connectors on the center holding strap.

1 22. A device as in claim 21, wherein the connectors comprise buckle
2 connectors.

1 23. A device as in claim 20, wherein the securing system further comprises
2 a seat that is disposed across the well region.

1 24. A device as in claim 23, wherein the seat comprises a fabric coupled to
2 the arms and the medial region.

1 25. A device as in claim 23, wherein the center strap is coupled to the seat
2 at a location to permit the baby's feet to hang from the seat.

1 26. A device as in claim 20, further comprising a hood operably coupled to
2 the pillow.

1 27. A device as in claim 26, wherein the hood is foldable.

1 28. A device as in claim 20, wherein the medial region has a height in the
2 range from about 1 inches to about 10 inches and a width in the range from about 4 inches to
3 about 10 inches.

1 29. A device as in claim 20, wherein the arms have a height in the range
2 from about 1 inches to about 6 inches, a width in the range from about 4 inches to about 10
3 inches, and a length in the range from about 10 inches to about 20 inches.

1 30. A device as in claim 20, wherein the well region has a width in the
2 range from about 4 inches to about 12 inches and a length in the range from about 4 inches to
3 about 12 inches.

1 31. A device as in claim 20, wherein the pillow further comprises a fabric
2 shell encasing a fill material.

1 32. A method for holding a bay, the method comprising:
2 providing a baby holding device comprising a pillow having a medial region
3 and two opposing arms extending from the medial region that define an inner well region,
4 and a securing system operably coupled to the pillow, wherein the securing system comprises
5 a center holding strap that is operably coupled to the pillow;

6 placing a baby's torso into the well region, with the baby's torso being
7 cushioned by ends of the arms, and with the baby's head resting on the medial region;

8 placing the center holding strap between the baby's legs so as to extend over at
9 least a portion of the baby's torso; and

10 securing the center holding strap to the arms.

1 33. A method as in claim 32, further comprising placing a hood over the
2 baby.

1 34. A method as in claim 32, wherein the center holding strap is secured to
2 the arms by coupling the center holding strap to side straps extending from the arms.

1 35. A method as in claim 32, wherein the securing system further
2 comprises a seat that is disposed across the well region, and wherein the baby is placed onto
3 the seat.